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DEVELOPMENT (195 -) Department.

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G.O. No No. 697

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[Despatch Abstract.]

AGRICULTURE - Establishments - Expenditure - Agricultural Department - Posts of Personal Assistants to District Agricultural Officers - Need for continuance - Recommendations of the Reorganisation and Retrenchment Committee - Papers Recorded.

FINANCE (REORGN) DEPT.

Sub: Economics in expenditure - Agricultural Department - Need for the continuance of the posts created in and after 1949-50.

Ref: From the D.A.No.K.1.32/47, dated 23-9-47.

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..... Sanction was accorded for the employment of P.As. to Heads of Departments and to certain District Officers during the war years so that the latter could devote more attention to war-time work. Now that the war is over, the need for continuance of the P.As. seems to be weak. Development may be requested to consider whether the posts of P.As. to D.A.Os. may not therefore be abolished.

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4..... Necessary extracts will be taken for examination of the proposal in consultation with the D.A.

N.M. 30-10-47.

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Devt. Dept.

The original sanction for the employment of Personal Assistants to D.A.Os. was accorded in G.O.Ms.No.4858, Dev. dated 13-11-44. The duties they were expected to do will be found in para 2 on p.10 c.f. of the G.O.

2. The D.A. has since proposed that the P.As. to D.A.Os. should be designated as District Manure Officers and placed in charge of the State Trading Schemes in the district. The proposal is separately under consideration in A III Section.

3. In the circumstances, action with reference to A above may lie over till a decision on B above is arrived at. Finance may see in the meantime.

The cessation of war has made no difference so far as the question regarding the need for Personal Assistants to D.A.Os. is concerned. In fact it is not a 'war' appointment but a food production appointment and the battle for bread still goes on and no relaxation of effort seems expedient. In this connection reference is invited to the notes on pp.2-3 and the minutes of Sir Gerald Priestley on p. 2 n.f. of G.O.No.4858, Dev. dated 13-11-4 We are in the first year of the Five Year Plan for Food Production which contemplates the appointment of 25 additional D.A.Os. in the first year. It is inopportune at this time to withdraw the P.As. to D.A.O. unless we are prepared to increase the D.A.Os. I think the question of abolition of P.As. to D.As. may be dropped for the present and taken up in July 1948.

The war is over but G.M.F. larger than before. If there was need for P.As. before, today the need has doubled when we are pushing the 5 year plan for all there worth. The question may be taken up again in July 1948.

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Fin. (Reorgn.) Deptt

(Extract of Finance Note on page 1 above)

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For orders whether relevant extracts of notes from this file may be given to members of the Sub Committee for remarks.

May be given.

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with the request that a copy of the orders of the Government on the recommendations of the Committee may be communicated to this Department for information.

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Development Department.

Notes of this Department on pp.1-2 above and that of Finance and pp.3-4 above may be perused.

The R.R.Committee has agreed to the retention of the P.As. to the D.A.Os.

With reference to portion marked A in the notes of Finance Deptt. on p.4 above, it is submitted that when the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee are received, they will be examined in this Dept. and final orders passed thereon will be communicated to the Finance Dept.

In the circumstances there seems to be no need to keep this file open. It may be closed and recorded as a G.O. for future reference. For orders.

As the R.R.Committee has agreed to the retention of the Personal Assistants to D.A.Os., (the status quo) no orders are necessary. As regards other possible retrenchments referred to at K on p.4 ante it is presumed that the committee itself will be going into the question 'M' above may be done after perusal by Finance.

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Fin.(R&R).

Z above - P.As. to District Agricultural Officers.

Though the R & R Committee has advised that the Posts of P.As. to D.A.Os. may be continued and need not be abolished, it would seem necessary for Development to obtain orders in circulation including H.M.(FIN) before they can finally treat the question as closed.

K on p.4 above. The Sub Committee of the R.& R. Committee is examining the necessity for the continuance of all posts created in the Agricultural Department after 1939-40. Its report when received will be placed before the R.& R. Commit... and its recommendations communicated to the Dev. Deptt. for further action in due course.

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Development Department.

The R & R. Committee has agreed to the retention of the posts of Personal Assistants to the D.A.Os. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Agri) and H.M.(Fin.) as desired by Finance at M on p.5 ante. The decision of the Committee may be concurred in.

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Orders in circulation above)

The xhmx papers may now be closed and recorded for future references as suggested at M on p.5 above.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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ECONOMIES IN EXPENDITURE - Agricultural Department, Posts of Personal Assistants to the District Agricultural Officers - Need for continuance - Recommendations of the Reorganization and Retrenchment Committee - Papers recorded.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.697. Dated the 14th February 1948.

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